

June 1973

Birds Seen in Raminad Taluk.

Ten Common Birds.

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| 1 | House Crow | } able to
see all
these ten
Birds on
1.5.1973
morning out. |
| 2 | Jungle Crow | |
| 3 | Myna | |
| 4 | Sparrow | |
| 5 | Pariah Kite | |
| 6 | Brahmany Kite | |
| 7 | Drongo (Black) | |
| 8 | Roller. | |
| 9 | Paddy Bird | |
| 10 | Little Egret. | |

Cormorants and night herons are
roosting in the pernigant (ymwob) trees in the
place night herons about hundred cormorants
about 75 to 100

16.1973 - Periakam North Kalingu 6.00-7.00 AM

Sunny Windy day - Kammai ~~at~~ ^{near} completely drier up.

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| 11 Little Cormorant. | 30 White Breasted Munia |
| 12 Grey Heron | 31 Striated Weaver Bird. |
| 13 Tree Pie | 32 Striated Green Warbler |
| 14 Parakeet - Rose Ringed | 33 Grey Drongo |
| 15 Ringed Dove | 34 Koel |
| 16 Rock Pigeon | 35 Night-Heron |
| 17 Palm Swift | |
| 18 Brown Swift (Numerous) | |
| 19 Common Bee Eater | Very Common |
| 20 White Br. Kingfisher | |
| 21 Pied Kingfisher | |
| 22 Bl. Bellied Finch Lark | |
| 23 Madras Bush Lark | |
| 24 Tree Pipit | |
| 25 Golden Sunbird | |
| 26 Purple Sunbird | |
| 27 Tailor Bird | |
| 28 Pied Crested Kingfisher Guckoo | |
| 29 Coucal | |



Drongo nest

on the Samakamvay

Naimaravayal Rd

2-6-1973 Devipattanam

4.30 to 6.30 P.M.

Heavy Wind Sunday

Day after new moon day by 4.00 the sea just going down from high tide by 6.00 gone further in - dead Belly Fishes huge size and plentiful one fish with colour patterns - All birds gone except some stragglers -

- 36 Grey Plover (Winter Plumage)
- 37 Purple Heron
- 38 Great Egret
- 39 Curlew (one)
- 40 Golden Plover?
- 41 Lesser Sand Plover
(Summer)
- 42 Dunlins?

Absence of Indian Reef Heron and Terns noticeable - ^{one} Villages says Birds in large numbers used to fly towards north in the night and again towards south in the morning a regular feature.

4.6.73 - Lakshmi Oorunni-way - 6.15 to 7.10 A.M.

Slight Drizzling Perivious evening -
almost all tanks except Lakshmi Oorunni
dried up - Paddy in on small batch -

- 1 43 Indian Robin
- 2 44 White headed Babbler
- 3 45 Spotted Owl
- 4 46 Shikara -
- 5 47 Pied Wagtail
- 6 48 Painted Stork (in flight about 10 for ft)
- 7 Rose Ringed Parakeet
- 8 Cuckoo
- 9 White breasted Kingfisher
- 10 White Throated Munia (about 40 near Paddy
cultivation)
- 11 Madras Bush Lark
- 12 Palm Swift
- 13 Brown Swift
- 14 Rock Pigeon
- 15 49 - Hoopoe
- 16 Black Drongo
- 17 50 Southern Wood Shrike
- 18 51 The Shag.

Breeding of the Black Drongon in
the Minangkobl Road Semai Kanbel -

16.7.73 Nest discovered - on the eastern side of
the tree in branch hanging over the
ditch just about ~~10~~ ¹² feet from the ground.
one bird sitting in the nest.

3.6.73 - 7.30 A.M. - tried to photograph the nest
and the Drongo - Drongo flew away -
as the branch is hanging too slanting
two eggs in the nests are visible from
ground - The bird came again and
sit on the eggs facing west - but looking
back - other mate also around - not
noisy or too much perturbed - able to
photograph with bird in nest -

I am afraid because of the high winds
the eggs will fall and it will not be
easy for the brood to grow about - wait
and see. Too much of observance will
lead the cow boy to the discovery of the
nest.

8.6.73 T.M. The nest is empty - no
sign of the birds or chicks.

16.6-73 - 000009 90000 - 6.K.M 4.45 PM 5.45 P.M.

at most - no birds - even the grass doves.
few swifts and B.B. Finch Larks on the
Route few birds very active - drizzling
cloudy.

23. Indian Shear

24. Little Cormorant

25. Koel

1. Indian Robin

2. Jungle Babbler

3. White headed Babbler

4. Brown Swift

5. Palm Swift

7. Spotted Dove

8. Pied Kingfisher

9. Coucal

10. B. Bellied F. Lark

11. Madras Bush Lark

12. Tree Pipit

13. Black Drongo

14. Grey Drongo

16. Wood Shrike

53 17. Bay backed Shrike

52- 18. Ashy Swallow Shrike

19. Purple Sunbird

54 20. Purple Rumped Sunbird

21. Lemon Sunbird

22. Common Bee Eater

Parakeets - Pied Gre.

Cuckoo - were not seen

1.7.1973 Periakannai - NWth Edge - 6.00 to 7.00
A.m.

cloudy windy day no water except
around little wronnis around Ramnad.
dry dusty fields - felling down remain
kanvel.

Blue Tailed Bee-eater cited after
a long interval.

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| 11. Grey Heron | 28. Coucal |
| 12. Pied Kingfisher | 29. Blue Tailed Bee Eater |
| 13. W. breasted Kingfisher | 30. Little Gr. Bee Eater |
| 14. Madras Bush lark | Spotted |
| 15. B. Bellied Finch lark | 31. Ring Dove |
| 16. Tree Pipit | 32. Rock Pigeon |
| 17. The Paddy ridge | 33. Grey Dove |
| 18. White Throated Munia | 34. Black Dove |
| 19. Purple Sunbird | 35. Hoopoe |
| 20. Purple Rumped Sunbird | 36. Palm Swift |
| 21. Luteous Sunbird | 37. Brown Swift |
| 22. Spider Hunter. | |
| 23. Jungle Babbler | |
| 24. Parakeet | |
| 25. Pied Crested Cuckoo | |
| 26. " Wren Warbler | |
| 27. Tree Pie | |

5.7.73 Lakshmi Vooruni path and around L.O.
6.15 to 7.15 AM

Partly cloudy - little water in L.O.

watched Indian Pipit chasing fly by flopping.

Ashy Swallow Shrike make peculiar flight and chase each other ^{2 or 3} in the Mulakadu there is no sign of any bird.

38 Crimson breasted Basher

39 Yellow Backed Woodpecker

40 Ashy Swallow Shrike

41 Pied White Wagtail

Tree Pie

Hoopoe

42 Cuckoo

Drongo

Rock Piegon

Indian Pipit

Madras Bush Lark

43 Indian Robin

Palm Swift

Brown Swift

Little Bee Eater

44 White Headed Babbler

Grey Wren

Parakeet

White Br. Kingfisher

White Throated Munia

(Two Birds in different

colour variation in the back one dark another only light brown)

Grey Drongo

26.7.73 - Lakshmi Vorum Patti - 6.40 to 7.40
a.m.

For a long time - no rain - all vorumis
drying up - There no wind also for the past
ten day - Cloudy sultry weather.

Spotted owl

Grey Heron

Little G. Bee-Eater

Indian Robin

Jungle Babbler

White Throated Munia

White Breasted Kingfisher

Tree Pie

Grey Drongo

Parakeet.

Madras Bush Lark

Palm Swift

Rock Pigeon

Spotted Dove

Cuckoo

The call notes of Tree
Pie - -

Brown swifts which were numerous
during June and Early July are now not at
all seen.

28.7.73 Periakannai North Kaling 6.00 to 7.00 a.m.

There was HEAVY DOWNPOUR day before yesterday. Yesterday also there was little rain. Today the weather is southerly and it drizzles in the morning.

Kallukarnvel trees near the Kalinga were felled down for firewood.

.. Even though there is rain, I was not able to add any new birds to the list. Even the birds which I listed on 1.7.73 were not in full.

45 Tawny Eagle

46 Black winged Kite (?)

47 Brown Shrike.

were the only new birds seen today this month.

26-8-73 832900C Looe - 4.00 - 6.30 P.M

Windy - cloudless day - rained about
a week ago - salt-pans in full swing -
A Day before amavasai

After an interval of three months
I visited Devipattanam with ~~Kadivelu~~ Thiruv
ragam. Small number of migrants there

11. White bellied Sea Eagle (breeding)
12. Curlew. (2-5)
13. Whimpered (1 or 2)
14. Grey Plover (10-15)
15. Green Shank. (One)
16. Median Egret w
Reef Heron in White pans
17. Kentish Plover
19. ^{Long Sand} Another Plover.
20. Tern far off in the sea.
21. Black Bellied Finch Lark (in flock)
22. Grey Drongo
23. Coucou
24. Black Drongo
25. Palm Swift

30.8.73 Oragol 2m (3000) 2m (4000) 8.15 to 7.15

Slight drizzling last night - Still water
in the lakshmi ooruni - large taluk tried
up.

absence of crested cuckoo - and all Eales.
Notable

26. Pied Wagtail
27. Grey Heron
28. Tree Pie
29. Indian Robin.
30. Madras Bush Lark
31. Ashy Swallow Shrike
32. Parakeet -
33. Night-Heron
34. Rock Pigeon
35. Purple Sunbird
36. Downy Eagle 2.
37. Common White Headed Babbler.
38. Pied Kingfisher
39. White breasted Kingfisher

Drongo

Balm Swift.

40. Brown Swift

2.9.73

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6.35 to

8.45 am

Hot cloudy day - 29°C - High Tides just
receding - small scrub Jungle almost
cleared - no wind - fishing boat far away
in the sea -

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| 11. Grey Heron | 29. Tree Pipit |
| 12. Indian Reef Heron
white phase | 30. Redvented Bulbul |
| 13. Green Shank
(single) | 31. Black winged Kite
or Shikar |
| 14. Red Shank | 32. Tree Pie |
| 15. Little Ringed Plover | 33. Parakeet- |
| 16. Kentish Plover | 34. Jungle Babbler |
| 17. Lesser Sand Plover | 35. White Br. Kingfisher |
| 18. Stone Curlew (?) | 36. White throated Munia |
| 19. Small Greenbilled Malkoha (595) | 37. Palm Swift |
| 20. Ashy Swallow Shrike | 38. Glossy Ibis (?) |
| 21. Swallow - 3 in num 42 | 39. Hoopie |
| 22. Green bee-eater | 40. Grey Partridge
(heard) |
| 23. Purple Rumped Sunbird | |
| 24. B. Bell Finch Lark | |
| 25. M. Bush Lark | |
| 26. Rufous Lark. | |
| 27. Spotted Dove | |
| 28. Ring Dove | |

absence of
Pied Crested Cuckoo
and Blue Tailed
Bee Eater
Notable.

12-9-73 Outwallowing 6.30-8.00 A.M.

Yesterday about $\frac{1}{2}$ c.m Rain - Rain
four days back - A ~~small~~ field with Paddy
and brinjal cultivation - otherwise nothing
except barren land - Seemai kasuvel almost
cut down on the Road side - Weaver birds
and Munias breeding.

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| White Throated Munia | B. Billed Finches |
| 41 Spotted Munia | 44 Coucal |
| 42 Crested pied Cuckoo | 45 Cuckoo |
| 43 Pied White Wagtail | White breasted kites |
| Hoopie | 49 Tawny Eagle (B) |
| Parakeet- | 50 Night Heron |
| Redvented Bulbul | Warbler (?) |
| Brown Swift | White Headed Babbler |
| White Swallow | Spotted Dove |
| Palm Swift | |
| Little Green Bee Eater | |
| Tree Pie | |
| Lesser or Ringed Plover | |
| 48 Purple & white Sunbird | |
| Madras Bush Lark | |
| Yellow Throated Sparrow | |
| 46 Streaked Weaverbird | |
| 47 Weaverbird | |

23.9.73 05.00 hrs; 05.20 hrs to 06.00 hrs 6.00 K.M. 4.30 to 6.30 P.M.
East

Rains around Ramnadi; the sandy fields
all brown Paddy - Just Budding - Vagai Karavai
Completely dry. Heavy winds.

51. *Copres smith*

Palm Swift

Spotted Dove

52. Pied Kingfisher

Red vented Bulbul

Madras Bush Lark

Coucou

Ashy Swallow Shrike

Tawny Eagle

Parakeets

Black Bellied Finch Lark

53. Wood Shrike

Sun Bird

Green Bee Eater

White Breasted Kingfisher

by Cycle

(15) + 10

Cattle Egrets which were ~~very~~ large in numbers
were absent. One Rabbit with Black Tipped
Tail and fawn colour under part,
seen near 6 K.M. in the open field. Flowering
bushes just send their shoots out,

30.9.73 6-30-7.00 AM சிவ்மலை 2 மணி பிள்ளை
10-30-11.30 AM சிவ்மலை 2 மணி.

Water from Vaigai Dam released
a few days back reached Peria Kammal
yesterday. Simultaneous ^{operations for} cultivation started
around Ramnad. On 28-9-73 night
there was very heavy downpour. Today
also there is likelihood of heavy rains.
Due to ^{scratching} ~~slung~~ am unable to watch ~~more~~
much of the birds.

54. Grey wagtail

55. Indian Robin

56. Shikara were noted for

the list. Sunbirds were in large numbers ~~on the~~ canal bank near the Kalinga. There was sign of the weavers.

Sandpipers and Plovers
have not yet arrived to this place.
My Photographic efforts failed.

October 1973

2.10.73 -	വെള്ളമുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന പട്ടണത്തിൽ - അന്ന്
7.00 to 8.00	മുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന പട്ടണത്തിൽ നിന്നും പറന്നു
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മുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന പട്ടണത്തിൽ.

En route in the fields preparation.
for Paddy cultivation - Brahmany kites
Pariah kites - Dawny Eagles in good numbers
Mynas & Drongo increased ten fold
when compared to last month - all in
the field - no sandpipers or plovers -
few Grey wagtails and Tree pipits.
Brown & Palm Swifts.

Many New arrivals due to water &
season - Blue Eailed Bee Eater and
Paradise Ely Catchers noted after
sever months.

Sun birds also in good numbers
More than three varieties of
Warblers noticed.

An Indian Courser seen ^{P.T.O.} first time

11. Indian Courser
12. Blue tailed Bee Eater
13. Green Bee Eater
14. Paradise Fly Catcher
15. Grey Wagtail
16. Pied White Wagtail
17. Palm Swift
18. Brown Swift
19. Common Swallow
20. Grey Drongo
21. Yellow Throated Sparrow
22. Grey Heron
23. Hoopoe
24. Parakeet
25. Grey Partridge (Hens)
26. Purple Sunbird
27. Lotus Sunbird
28. Streaked Wren Warbler
29. White Warbler
30. Small Warbler
31. Madras Bush Lark
32. Crested Lark
33. Tree Pipit
34. Pied Kingfisher
35. W. B. Kingfisher
36. Sandpiper ?
37. ~~Striated~~ ^{Common Bay} Weavers
38. Red vented Bulbul
39. Coucal
40. Pied Crested Cuckoo
41. Tawny Eagle
42. ~~Bridged~~ Dove
43. Rock Pigeon
44. B. Bellied Finch Lark
45. Jungle Babbler

7-10-72 7.00 to 8.00 A.M. DULANIBUNJIN

Today the water in the Kalinga completely stopped. I walked along the sand bed and found a Cormorant taking bath and swimming. It sat for a while stretching its wing and flew away while I approached for taking a photograph. ~~I also saw~~
A Little Egret with fine head plumage which indicates that it was in the breeding condition was also there. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters were there.

Drango's took bath in the small pool justing flying over the water and dipping its body and they ~~went on sit over a low branch~~ preening its ~~quials~~ quails. They fly for the water few more times.

Brahmany Nagnaks were there after an interval of nearly five months.

I took a shot of The Pied
Crested Cuckoo sitting in ^{the low branch of} a tree under
shade. The time $8 - \frac{1}{125}$ is enough I
think my efforts to photograph
Sunbirds feeding in the flower
errukku (or @ @ @ @) flowers failed.

One should be quick and click
adjustments and focusing should
take little time.

Yesterday a bird catcher
sold young Red shanks which he
catch trapped in the Peria Kammai.

46. Cormorant-

47. Brahmany Myna

48 Night-Heron

49. Red Shank

14.10.1973 - 6.00 - 8.15 A.M. - அலுவலகத்திலிருந்து

வெளியே, தைவதா அங்குசுதாரிப் பூங்காவுக்கு
போய் வந்தேன். அங்குள்ளே பூங்காவின் மீது
பூங்கா பூங்காவில் இருந்தே - மீது அங்கு
உள்ளது.

On the way in the field I saw
a huge flock of Cattle Egrets after a
long interval. They flew away ~~even~~
suspecting ^{even} my side ward glance while
cycling and flew towards the kamai.

A. Brown Shrike for the first time
for this season. It made a lot of noise
and shakes its tail violently while
scratching. While returning I noticed
a Drongo protesting to another Brown
shrike occupying its territory. Little
Ringed Plover and Ketch Plover
were there. one ^{plover} some what bigger
in size with breast band complete
Godwits were also there. After flying

away it had a peculiar pose & alighting down just like madras Bush lark hanging sometime the air. It is a swift flyer. A single Golden Plover was there. It is not frightened and allow me to approach for about 20 metres. A peculiar Black Capped Warbler was there. It hangs to the undergrowth. Grey in colour and larger than most of the warblers.

The Paradise flycatcher was not there today. Blue tailed Bee-eaters were in good numbers.

I heard a Tree Pie. ~~and~~ A Tailor bird was very silent. It is unusual.

Yesterday evening I noticed 10 to 12 huge birds in the middle of the Kanmai. They may be Open billed Storks or Grey Herons. A Shikra was sitting in a low branch of a roadside tree

To photograph Blue tailed Bee Eaters I approached the tree. Suddenly the Shikra flew away and the Blue tailed Bee. Eaters chased it away with loud noise.

Brahmany Mynahs were increasing.

Four two five ~~weight~~ varieties of Butter

flies were there. Weavers completed their nest within a fortnight.

Birds noted to day

- 50. Cattle Egrets 62. Tailor Bird
- 51. Brown Shrike 63. Golden Plover
- 52. Bar tailed Godwit.
- 53. L. Ringed Plover
- 54. K. Plover
- 55. Black capped Warbler
- 56. Tree Pie
- 57. Shikara
- 58. Richards Pipit (in large numbers)
- 59. Marsh Warrier?
- 60. Open billed stork?
- 61. ~~Richards Pipit~~ Sky Lark

Pied Crested Cuckoo

Latin's Sunbird

Grey Drongo

Blue tailed Bee Eater

Common " "

W. Breasted Kingbird

Parakeet.

~~Bombay~~ Myna

Madras Bush Lark

B. Bellied Finch Lark

Common Sandpiper

Weaver birds

Palm Swift

Brown Swift

Common Swallow

(Increasing in numbers)

Striated Warbler

White Warbler

~~Rare~~ Paddy field Sandpiper or Spotted

Sandpiper not yet arrived.

15.10.1972 Madurai Bus 5.30 to 8.30 A.M

All along the route there was heavy rains and there is freshes in the Vaigai and its canals.

I noticed large numbers of Drongos all along the way. Between two electrical posts there were at least two Drongos. In certain places they were in good numbers. Where there was no electrical wire they perch on Palmyrah trees and Seemai Karuvai.

Near Paramakudi I noticed two Coloured Ibis flying low over dry cultivated fields.

Near Rajakambisam beyond Manamadurai on the

electric wires more than
two hundred Blue tailed Bee-Eaters
were sitting. They were there in
large numbers almost ~~around~~
the year. ^{Perhaps} the sugarcane fields
around that place help them
to perch in the night.

Tree Pie, Red Turtle Doves,
Spotted Doves, Red Turtle Doves, Golden
Backed Wood peckers, T + White Head Babblers,
warblers, Skylarks were noticed
by me along the route. Herons,
Cormorants, Flamingos were not
noticed. Black winged Kite which
I with at least notice one during
my trip was also absent.

Next time I should
take account of Drongos.

19.10.73 - ~~മലയാളം~~ and back via
Mandam Road - Rain about 2.00 PM.
in the forenoon - Rain previous day -
Pools of water in the vaigai and
much water in the Ditch in the
middle of the River. - along the Road
Paddy sown in dry field just
10 to 12 inch in height - Much Bird
activity -

10 - 14 Ashy Swallow Shrikes
on the wire - No cattle Egrets -
Blue Tailed Bee Eaters which haunt
the wet lands north and south of
Ramnad is absent around vaigai
- Golden Plovers and L.R. Plovers
in good numbers - 200 to 300 Painted
Storks with few Pelicans seen about
300 metres away - One Marsh Harrier
with bright coloured under parts
chasing finches in the vaigai channel
Rufous Backed Shrike Returned.

Birds seen in the Vaigai Sharavai.

64 Large Egret

Grey Heron

65 Painted Stork

66 Pelicans?

67 March Harrier

Tawny Eagle?

Golden Plover

68 Little Stint

L. Ringed Plover

Sand Plover

B.B. Finches

Tree Pipits.

Birds seen along the Route

Palm Swift

Brown Swift

70 Copper Smith (Heard)

69 Ashy Swallow Shrike

Jungle Babbler

Madras Bush Lark

Concaul

Paradise Flycatcher ♀

Black Bellied F Lark

Purple Sunbird

Tailor Bird

Parakeet

Hopse

Brow Shrike (Heard)

67 Rufous Shrike or

Bay Backed Shrike

Crested Pied Cuckoo

Brahmany Myna

Weaver Bird

White Br. Kingfisher

Green Bee Eater

Red vented Bulbul

Grey Drongo ?

Ring Dove

71 Spotted Dove

Pamban 26.10.73 2.30 to 5.30 P.m.

Pamban had heavy rains during the third week of October. But there is no sign of such rain.

The big Thorn Tree near light house had been completely destroyed. There is no sign of White Bellied Sea-Eagle or the Blue Tailed Bee-Eaters. Brahmany and Pariah Kites were in large numbers.

I noticed Tailor Birds in good numbers. When I crossed the village edges I saw Shrike in large numbers in the Thorn forests. Warblers also were there. In the midst of the forest Golden Backed Wood Pecker is sitting in the ground.

When I visited the Southern coastal Belt about 4.00 P.m. the sea was withdrawing itself.

But the seashore was not completely free from water. Even though it was a New moon day and the has to set at about 5.45 P. M. not much ground was visible. The fishermen told me that due to "Sogam Wind" ~~Sogam~~ the sea is not going to withdraw completely.

The peculiarity of the day is the complete calmness. The day was somewhat hot and I perspired a lot which caused me a severe headache.

Birds singly and in small groups were there. But some 200 to 300 birds flew far away. A Caspian Tern was taking a fish in its mouth. Another small one followed it where ever it flew. Probably a young one.

Pamban 26.10.73 2.30 5.30 P.M.

Northern End Thorn forest and hedges.

- Common Bee Eater
72 Black Headed
Cuckoo Shrike
Tailor Bird
73 Rufous Shrike
Spotted Dove
Hoopoe
74 Purple Rumped Sunbird

- Red Vented Bulbul
75 Brown Shrike
Jungle Babbler
76 Golden Backed Woodpecker
Paradise Flycatcher
77 Grey Shrike
Warbler?

Total 13

Southern Sea Belt - Swamp

- 78 Curlew
79 Brown Headed Gull
80 ? Tern
81 Caspian Tern
Common Sandpiper
82 Indian Reef Heron
83 Grey Plover
Red Shank
Swallow
Grey Heron

- L. Ringed Plover
Caspian Tern
84 Durlins ?

Total 13

Twenty Common Birds
During winter
Nov to April

10. Common Birds around the year.
11. Spotted Sandpiper
12. Little Ringed Plover
13. Stint.
14. ~~Common~~ Swallow
15. Night Heron
16. Common Sandpiper
17. White Throated Kingfisher
18. Grey Heron
19. Brown Headed Gull
20. Indian Wiskered Tern.

29.10.73 Ramnadi

The Egrets which usually breed in the Tamarind Tree near the Rajaram theatre again returned and occupied positions in the tree.

There is lot of activities. To-day
at about 10.00 A.M.

I saw two cormorants on the top of the Tamarind tree. The crows around them ~~do not~~^{not} like their presence. They surrounded them. After one or two attacks make them vacate the tree top. But the crows are harmonious with Egrets.

The Night Herons in Palace Compound also fighting with each other for territory.

Brahminy and Pariah Kites started gathering materials for nest ten days. Continuous Rain for the past

2.11.73 Periam Kannai Northern Kalinga-
6.30 to 7.30 A.M - Partly sunny - Peria
Kannai almost full - 15 Points visible.

An increase in the weaver birds
nests - Blue Tailed Bee Eaters only one.

Pipits in groups.

A Duck about the size of
O. bis with ~~with~~ underparts buff.
and white wing Bars - Creamy
white below grey above.

A Cuckoo Black grey
above moving through bushes near
birds. Spotted Sandpipers arrived
in large numbers.

- 21 Duck
- 22 Cuckoo
- 23 ~~Spotted~~ Sandpiper
- 24 ~~weaver~~ Sandpiper
- 25 Tree Pie
- 26 W Throated Munia
- 27 Red vented Bulbul
- 28 Parakeet -
- 29 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
- 30 Common Bee-Eater

- 31 Tailor Bird
- 32 Richard's Pipit
- 33 Pied Wagtail
- 34 Pied Kingfisher
- 35 Warbler
- 36 Shikara
- 37 Tern?
- 38 Duck.

Ramnag
Madurai -

4-11-73

- 11 Pied Crested Cuckoo
12. Golden Backed Woodpecker
13. Grey Partridge
- 14 Hoopoe
- 15 Brown Shrike
- 16 Ringed Dove
- 17 Tree Pie
18. Tern
19. Com sand piper
- 20 stink
- 21 cattle Egret
22. Grey Shrike
- 23 Palm swift
- 24 Ashy Swallow Shrike
- 25 Common Swallow
- 26 P Sambar
- 27 koel
- 28 Common Blue Eater
- 29 B. T. "
- 30 W. B. Kingfisher

- 36 Cuckoo
- 37 R.V. Bunting
- 38 Tailfe Dove
- 39 Parakeet
- 40 Paradise flycatcher
- 49 Dalmatian
- 50 S.F. Tail Warbler
- 51 Br. Myna
- 52 Spotted Sandpiper
- 53 Large Egret
- 54 Cooters (7506)
(120)

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4. 11. 73 Ramnad To Madurai

Rained Roadways Express.

6.15 to 9-30 A.M.

All Tanks ^{half} full.

Water flowing considerably in Vaigai

Rained overnight.

Noted fifty five birds. List a record. Even Paradise flycatcher seen.

Near Madurai Cormorant about 750 to 1200 flew towards east. just rose from a tank or lake no formation

Blue Tailed bee Eater not in large numbers.

Large Egrets sitting in the river bed near madurai

No Grey Herons

- 39 Glossy Ibis
40 Golden Woodpecker
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
Common "
41 Brahmany Myna
Tree Pie
42 Ring Dove
43 Cuckoo Shrike
Common Baya
Spotted Sandpiper
Stint
Common Sandpiper
Snipe
W.B. Kingfisher
44 Brown Shrike
45 Tree Pipit
46 Madras Bush Lark
47 B. Bellied F. Lark
48 Cormorant
Grey Heron

- 49 Pied Crested
Cuckoo
50 Train Tail Warbler
Tailor Bird
51 Striated Warbler
52 Palm Swift
Common Swallow
Parakeet-
Cattle Egret

20.11.73 Peria Kammal 3 KM Mark - Water Touch the

Maluku - Two Stones visible about 50 C.M.

Cloudy chill weather - no sun.

6.30 - 7.30 A.M.

To day I saw four Painted
Storks. Pelicans not yet arrived.
Teals in Batches of 100 to 200 were all
over the Kammal. While returning
35 to 40 Teals flew over my head
even that small number makes
lot of noise.

Pipits in large numbers
flew low over the water all the time
whistling their song. Tee-Tee Warblers
arrived in good numbers. Blue
Tailed Bee Eaters in large numbers.
Some Whimbrels surprised me
in the paddy fields. Only their whistle
attracted my attention. Sparrow
Hawks was on the Telegraph pole.
Spotted Sandpipers in hundreds.
Shrikes also in good number.
Still no golden oriole.

- 53 Pain Ad Storks
54 Sparrow Hawk
55 Whimbrel
56 Indian Whiskered Tern

Common Teal

Brown Shrike

- 57 Tee Tee Brown Warblers

Striated Warblers

Tree Pipit

Madras Bush Lark

- 58 Paradise Flycatcher

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

Barn Swift

Teal

Brahmany Alga

Cormorants

- 59 Godwit ?

60 Barn Owl (seen flying over the
house about 4.00 A.M.)

- 11 Grey Heron
- 12 Black Winged Stilt
- 13 Spotted Sandpiper
- 14 Snipe
- 15 Common Sandpiper
- 16 L.R. Plover
- 17 Little Stint
- 18 Green Shank
- 19 Godwit
- 20 Green Sandpiper
- 21 Sanderlings
- 22 Brown Head Gull
- 23 Tern
- 24 Common Teal
- 25 Harrier
- 26 Parakeet
- 27 W.B. Kingfisher
- 28 Coccyz
- 29 Red vented Butor
- 30 Blue.T. Bee Eater
- 31 Common Bee Eater
- 32 Purple Sun Bird
- 33 Boya Weaver
- 34 White Throated Munia

- 35 Common Babbler
- 36 Paradise Flycatcher
- 37 ~~Faint~~ Tail Flycatcher
- 38 Tee Tee Warbler
- 39 Swallow
- 40 Palm Swift
- 41 Crested Pied Cuckoo
- 42 W.B. Waterhen
- 43 Madras Bush Lark
- 44 Crested Sky Lark
- 45 Tree Pipit
- 46 Richard's Pipit
- 47 Brahmany Myna
- 48 Grey Partridge
- 49 ~~Ring~~ Dove
- 50 B.B. Finch Lark
- 51 White Bellied or
Grey Drongo
- 52 Rock Pigeon

7.12.73 Sakkarakottai Kanmai - 6.30 to 7.15 A.m.

Sunny. Cold morning - not much wind.

Today I saw ^{for the first time} the Golden Oriole for this season. Grey Headed Mynas were also there about 7 to 10 in numbers. Last year I was able to see them only in the month of March. Terns in good numbers flew towards west from east. There was no sign of Flinings or Pelicans. The water in the Kanmai was deeper for them. The transplanting operations not completed. They will continue all of December.

- 53 Golden Oriole
- 54 Grey Headed Mynas
- 55 Tree Pie
- 56 Yellow Throated Sparrow
- 57 Brown Shrike
- 58 Hoopie
- Blue Tailed Bee Eaters (in good numbers)
- 59 Large Terns
- 60 Brown Headed Gull

12-12-73 to 16-12-73 Madras by Rameswaram
up and down - Express - cloudy depression

Lakes up to Trichy Almost full - on

12-12-73 saw Grey Herons and Herons.

Water birds like Common sandpiper

Spotted sandpiper - L. Ringed Plover

are common even around Sivaganga.

While returning I saw large numbers
of Black winged stilts in almost
all lakes. While returning due to
monsoonic weather saw many
birds - small warblers - Pigeons
Cuckoos - Doves - Pipits.

From Tirudivanam to
Madras I was not able to see any
birds which used to breed near
Vedanthangal. Even common birds
which were common in the track towards
Madurai were few in numbers.

21-12-73 - 2.45 to 4.45 P.M. -

Vada Kalingu and Kavanoor upto

7 K.M mark - depression from 15-12-73 to

18-12-73 - heavy rains -

Water level in Kavanoor Kanmai is very low - people say this a freak year. Last year the tank was almost full

2m Peria Kanmai 17 Points

were visible.

Due to lack of enough water there was no sign of any breeding.

Flamingos, Teals and other waders like Cormorants were not present.

Few Painted stork were feeding in the interior in the midst of Kanmai.

Due to poor visibility I am not able to see any birds near Peria Kanmai

Only morning time is best for listing large number of birds -

Brown headed Gull

? Tern

Common Bee Eater

Blue Tailed Bee Eater

61- Painted Stork

Common Booby

Bay Backed Shrike

Common Swallow

Grey Heron

L. Ringed Plover

Common Sandpiper

Stint

Spotted Sandpiper

Grey Pintail (Heard)

Cattle Egret

62- Large Egret.

Pied Crested Cuckoo (making a noise)

Tree Pipit

Machas Bushbuck

Richards. Pipit

Tee Tee Warbler -